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New tremor hits Guatemala
GUATEMALA CITY, Feb 18, (R). — Thousands of people abandoned their homes today when a new earth tremor shook this battered capital.
But the tremor did not cause any damage or casualties, police said.
More than 20,000 people died in Guatemala when a major earthquake rocked the Central American republic on February 4.

Angeria explosion kills 35
RS, Feb. 18 (AFP) — The final toll in Angeria's gas explosion at Tagdempt, western Angeria, is 35 dead and 36 injured, the newspaper Moudjahid reported today.
The workers yesterday recovered a further 10 bodies from the debris of two buildings destroyed by the blast, it said.
Dr Kissinger, who visited the area after the explosion, said the victims was an entire family of 10, according to the newspaper.

European approval rolls on MPLA rule in Angola

ON, Feb. 18, (Agencies) — The pace of diplomatic activity in Europe was quickened today for the People's Republic of Angola, proclaimed by the Popular Movement (MPLA) and fought for in 15 months of civil war.
A major European conference in the Luanda administration of President Agostinho Neto after its victories over pro-Westernist groups.
Italy, Holland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Cyprus gave the government of the Popular Movement the stamp of international approval.
Iceland and New Zealand they would follow shortly.
One of Angola's ne- stressed it was not the new regime.
It urged all rival factions and former Portuguese colonial war to end and join building a nation.
Iceland-based govern- Angola also tonight de- cided to end the im- mediate aggression... to avoid odshed of innocent

Appealing for national unity, he said in a Capetown dinner speech last night that South Africans could now face continuous attacks from outside the country and inside.
Also in Capetown two black South African leaders today warned the government that should there be a military confrontation with Communist- backed forces in southern Angola, the authorities would not have the support of blacks in South Africa.
In Luanda, National Union for Total Angolan Independence (UNITA) leader Jonas Savimbi personally gave orders for the killings of dozens of Europeans before his troops with- drew from Balombo, near Silva Porto, the Luanda daily Jornal de Angola reported today.
The paper said that hundreds of bodies of massacred Angolans had been found by MPLA troops when they took Huambo, Bie (the new name for Silva Porto), Benguela and other southern towns in the wake of the UNITA rout. At least 200 dead were found in Bie alone, the newspaper said.

Pentagon plans \$893m sale to Saudi Arabia

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (R) — The Defence Department said today it intended to sell Saudi Arabia construction equipment worth \$893 million for work on two ports and three military facilities.
The Department notified Congress the equipment would be used to construct two new port facilities, one on the Red Sea and another on the Gulf, and to improve the military facilities at Jubail, Jeddah and Riyadh.
The proposed offers would bring total military sales to Saudi Arabia since last June to a record \$3,793 million compared with \$1,400 million for the previous year.
In addition to the proposed military construction sales the Pentagon is expected soon to announce offers to sell Saudi Arabia about 25 M-60 tanks for training purposes and anti-tank missiles.

Peru tour stop

Feb. 18, (AFP). — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger started the second day of his Latin American tour today where he plans to discuss Peru's expropriation of U.S. companies, a U.S. source disclosed.
Kissinger, who arrived in Lima yesterday, is expected to stay 24 hours before continuing to Brazil, his third stop of six. One of Brazil's most of security for years was order-
Caracas high schools Venezuelan capital were further notice following Kissinger's visit yesterday when a young man was shot, the Education announced.



Prime Minister Zeid Rifai, left, and Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Ayyoubi are pictured in Amman Wednesday before the Syrian guest returned to Damascus after his official three-day visit to Jordan. (JNA photo).

Ayyoubi visit ends with joint pledge to expand bilateral ties

AMMAN, (Agencies). — Jordan and Syria have agreed on further bilateral cooperation and coordination as part of an integration process that will lead to union of the two countries.
A joint communique issued simultaneously in Amman and Damascus Wednesday evening at the end of a three-day session here of the two countries' Joint Higher Committee said the committee, which meets every three months, reviewed the work, resolutions and recommendations of the joint sub-committees in all fields. It expressed great satisfaction of the strides taken by the Syrian-Jordanian march towards the planned objectives under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein and President Hafez Assad.
The Syrian side at the meetings was headed by Mr Mahmoud Ayyoubi, the Prime Minister, and the Jordanian team by Premier Zeid Rifai.
Specific steps to be taken included the establishment of air links between major Jordanian and Syrian towns start-
ing in May 1976 and an agreement for reciprocal diplomatic representation beginning in June, in which Syrian missions would speak for Jordan in 23 nations and Jordanian diplomatic missions for Syria in seven countries.
An effort would also be made to bring the two nations' development plans into line with each other and to set up joint companies and complementary development projects, the communique said.
In addition, coordination would be stepped up in the areas of phosphates, banks, currency, justice, trade unions, customs, education, tourism, transportation, electric power and information.
In the political field, the Higher Committee called upon the concerned authorities in the two countries to go ahead with more coordination and cooperation to strengthen the two countries' unified stand and preserve their national and pan-Arab security.
It also decided to continue consultation with regard to all

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Lebanon faces staggering economic problems

Karami proposes national reconciliation government

BEIRUT, Feb. 18, (Agencies) — The Lebanese cabinet met today to discuss ways of relaunching the country's economy, wrecked by the nine-month civil war.

Prime Minister Rashid Karami meanwhile reiterated his appeal for the formation of a government of national reconciliation composed of "sincere" representatives of all factions.
Speaking to reporters after today's cabinet meeting, he said that following last Saturday's proclamation of the reforms on which political agreement between the warring factions was reached, it had become desirable that there should be a working party to assume public responsibilities.
"This requires that there should be a government representing the various sides".
Mr Karami was asked whether he feared a new flare-up. "Such regrettable and shocking incidents like kidnapping and killing may happen at any time," he replied. "We should not pause to imagine that such crimes would lead to a new flare-up. No conflagration can occur as long as all are agreed to cooperate."

Mr Karami said the cabinet had concentrated on topics that would help revive the economy, aid victims of the civil war and enable people displaced by the fighting to return to their homes.
He added that he hoped bills dealing with such matters would be approved at a special meeting of the cabinet on Saturday.
There were no official estimates of the cost of the civil war, but traders put the figure at between 10,000 million and 20,000 million dollars.
The most significant development so far, after the Syrian-inspired ceasefire of January 22, was the reopening of the banks on February 12.
Traders were, however, reluctant to stock up again.
Lack of mutual trust appeared to be at the heart of the

slow pickup of businesses and industries.
Moslem workers were still unable to reach factories in Christian-held areas and vice-versa.
Syrian mediator Abdel Halim Khaddam, the Foreign Minister, was to have returned home yesterday having completed his mission, according to the press, but he stayed on as a result of a telephone request from President Hafez Assad in Damascus.
Reports said his main task seemed to be to talk round socialist leader Kamal Jounblatt, one of those most reserved about the Syrian peace plan for Lebanon.
Meanwhile, Lebanese deputies have proposed a two-year extension for the present parliament to allow the country to return to normal before new elections.
The government has already prolonged the parliament's mandate for one year, but the Parliamentary Committee on Administration and Justice said yesterday constitutional amendments could not be pushed through by the initial election deadline of May 3.
In a related development, United Nations officials reported in Geneva today that Lebanon is likely to need tens of millions of dollars of humanitarian aid over the next 18 months.
After a two-weeks visit to Lebanon, a four-man team from the general headquarters of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimated that more than 400,000 people to achieve a compromise.

Iceland expected to sever ties with U.K. today

REYKJAVIK, Feb. 18, (Agencies). — Iceland, long embroiled in a bitter "Cod War" against Britain, will break off diplomatic relations with the British tomorrow, reliable sources said here tonight.
The break would be the first of its kind between two NATO countries in the 26-year history of the Atlantic alliance.
Foreign Minister Einar Agustsson refused to comment on the issue tonight but a government announcement will be made tomorrow, when the Icelandic cabinet meets.
NATO Secretary General Joseph Luns, who has tried to mediate in the dispute, mentioned that an Icelandic move appeared imminent as he addressed a weekly meeting of permanent NATO delegates in Brussels today, Alliance sources said.
The sources noted continuing diplomatic activity among officials from NATO, Iceland and Britain, however, in an effort to achieve a compromise.

Riad begins West Sahara shuttle diplomacy

CAIRO, Feb. 18, (Agencies). — The Secretary General of the Arab League, Mr. Mahmoud Riad, leaves for Algiers tomorrow to begin a three-nation shuttle mission aimed at defusing the Western Sahara crisis, League sources said today.
Algerian and Moroccan troops have repeatedly clashed in

the territory and Algerian President Houari Boumedienne said yesterday that further fighting had threatened to turn into open war against Algeria.
The mission is expected to last between a week and 10 days, the sources added. Mr Riad earlier this week sent cables to King Hassan of Morocco and presidents Boumedienne and Moktar Ould Daddah of Mauritania urging them to open a constructive dialogue.

On the battlefield, guerrillas of the Polisario Front independence movement killed 148 Moroccans and took 36 prisoners in a weekend battle at the Amgala oasis in the Western Sahara, the Algerian daily El Moudjahid reported today.

In New York, United Nations envoy Olof Rydbeck said insecurity in the Western Sahara at present made it impossible to hold a significant vote of freely-expressed self-determination.

The Swedish representative of U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said his one-week trip to the Sahara and Spain was exclusively to explore possibilities for holding a referendum with U.N. supervision.

Rydbeck told newsmen he saw that military operations were taking place in the Western Sahara, but said that evaluating them was not part of his mandate.

He added that he did not know how much territory was held by the Saharan Liberation Front (Polisario).



INTELLIGENCE CHIEFS — President Ford announced a reorganization of the American intelligence community Tuesday that puts the three men pictured here at the top of the command structure. George Bush (left) is now head of the CIA. Former U.S. ambassador Robert Murphy (right) is head of a new intelligence oversight board, one of whose members is former Secretary of the Army Stephen Alles (Centre).



BELFAST BLAZE — Firemen are shown fighting a huge blaze in Belfast city centre Tuesday after IRA bombs had blasted two large stores in the area. Firemen were still fighting the blaze five hours after the explosions. (AP wirephoto)



Economic sense

The meeting of Arab economists now taking place in Amman is another of those behind-the-scenes events that draw small headlines but end up making big waves. The meetings of the Arab Economists Federation are discussing various steps that can and should be taken to induce greater cooperation in the economic field throughout the Arab World.

For simplicity's sake, the economists have divided the Arab World up into two geographic regions, the Maghreb states of North Africa, and the Mashrek states of the Levant and the Gulf. The idea is to promote cooperation within these two regions, and then move towards integration and coordination between the states of both areas.

Within this framework, some of the economic integration moves taking place between Syria and Jordan are already proving to be sparkling models of viability. But within the greater framework of the entire Arab World, one quickly sees what the economists have to work with, and work towards.

As a unit, the Arab World contains two distinct kinds of states—the often sparsely populated ones with a formidable income from natural resources (Libya, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the like) and the more populated but less endowed ones whose economies are not as dependent on one commodity (Syria, Lebanon, Sudan, Egypt, among others).

Two things come to mind about this economic region—there are some states with impressive revenues, and others with less spectacular receipts but more developed basic industries manned by more experienced workers.

What the Arab economists are seeking now is a means to integrate these two disparate quantities into arrangements to induce structural complementarities in a regional economic context. This means providing Saudi Arabia with some of the experience of the Jordan Valley farmers and the Lebanese service sector people, and simultaneously channeling some oil revenues into productive investments in Sudan, Egypt or Morocco. In this way, the capital-exporting states would productively invest some of the revenues they are not now able to inject into their domestic economies, and the capital-poor Arab states would have a source of needed cash that would, all at once, create employment, improve infrastructural facilities, provide expertise and services to other Arab states, and reduce dependence on external sources of capital.

This is precisely the kind of thing that is now being investigated and promoted by such regional bodies as the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, and it is a direction wherein lies the rational route for pan-Arab economic progress.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

The intentions and motives of the Israeli government in trying to play Arab against fellow Arab is an old fashioned manner of conspiracy which used to be carried out by the Zionist leaders, Al-Ra'i said.

Mr Rabin indicated long ago that his government can in no way be ready to negotiate a settlement with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, but he expressed willingness to negotiate with Jordan regarding the occupied West Bank.

The paper said that the Arabs have not reached that degree of stupidity to accept such intentions by the Israeli rulers, who know the Arabs' unanimous resolution regarding the West Bank in Rabat.

It is understood that Rabin intends to evade the issue by simply not withdrawing from any occupied territories, the paper said.

It added that Rabin is mainly trying to bluff American public opinion and other foreign communities.

Mr Rabin is trying to distort

the real Jordanian stand behind the problem of destiny, the paper said.

The paper concluded that Jordan's stand is very clear; it will be not go to Geneva because there is no validity for its presence there.

Ad Dustour praised the resistance of the unarmed citizens in the occupied West Bank to foil Israeli plans to carry out prayers in Al-Aqsa Mosque.

The Israeli authorities are now waving about their intentions to cancel the court ruling due to the West Bankers' increased pressure, it said.

Actually, the Israelis are retreating at this time to plan a much more sophisticated and sneaky to carry out their prayers at the third holiest shrine in Islam, it said.

Ad Dustour continued that the Moslems and Arabs have to continue their plans in presenting their case to the international community, to preserve one of the holiest sites in Islam in the city of love and peace.

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At the Ramtha joint Syrian-Jordanian border post, Prime Minister Zeid Rifai and Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Ayyoubi are pictured (at centre) prior to Mr. Ayyoubi's return home.

Farewell to a friend

The death of Mr Pierre Lavergne, the French Cultural Attaché here, has deeply grieved everyone who knew him.

Mr Lavergne was well-known to all schools that taught French, and had excellent relations with Jordan University and the Ministry of Education.

He was also a friend of Jordan Television, the radio station, and the Department of Arts and Culture of the Ministry of Information, in addition to being a member of the Friends of Archaeology society.

He was always obliging in his dealings with people, sincere and most sociable.

Mr Lavergne was considered a true friend of the Arabs; he spent more than 15 years working in the Arab World, first in Syria, and Lebanon before coming to Jordan in 1970.

Mr Lavergne was above all a model family man devoted to his wife and four children.

Mr Lavergne, who died at the age of 44, was a dear, unique person whose loss leaves a void in the lives of all who knew him.

He will be buried this morning at 10:00 a.m.

The Jordan Times joins the

many members of the community who express their deep sympathy and to the Lavergne sympathy and condolences to the Lavergne family.

General Fix arrives on visit

AMMAN. — U.S. Major-General Joseph Fix arrived in Amman Wednesday night for one-week visit to Jordan during which he will meet with the Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian armed forces and visit touristic and archaeological sites.

Major-General Fix was met at Amman airport by the Chief of Staff, the Commander of the Royal Jordanian Air Force and the American Military Attache in Amman.

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Iran gets its own nuclear accelerator

TEHERAN, Feb. 18, (R). — A new Van de Graaff accelerator laboratory was opened here today at the research centre of the Iranian Atomic Organization.

The laboratory is staffed by 10 Iranian and two Pakistani experts, the PARS news agency said.

Free zone chief here for talks

AMMAN. — The Director-General of the free zones in Syria, who is also chairman of the Administrative Council of the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Industrial Free Zone, Dr Taha Bali arrived here Tuesday night to hold talks with Jordanian authorities to expedite equipping the joint free zone to put it into actual use at the earliest possible time.

He said the zone will contribute to the development of the Jordanian northern areas and the Syrian southern areas through employment of labour and enhancing economic growth and the standard of living in both regions.

Aviation committee ends meeting

AMMAN. — The Joint Jordanian-Syrian Committee on air transport and civil aviation reviewed in its meetings which ended Wednesday the various steps achieved by its subcommittees entrusted to implement integration projects.

These include putting into service regular flights between

Central Bank offers new bond issue

AMMAN. — A new issue of development bonds totalling six million will be placed on the market by the Central Bank Saturday.

Three quarters of the bonds (worth 4.5 million dinars) are allocated to public corporations which will have an annual rest yield of 6.5 per cent.

The remaining (worth 1.5 million) will be offered to the public and will carry a nominal interest yield of 6 per cent.



The Joint Syrian-Jordanian Higher Committee held its third and final meeting in Amman Wednesday morning to cap the three-day visit here of Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Ayyoubi. He is pictured at the head of the table with meeting co-chairman Prime Minister Zeid Rifai.

Notice from the Embassy of France

All friends of Mr. Pierre Lavergne who died as a result of a car accident on Sunday, February 15 1976, may attend, or join in thought, the funeral service which will be held at the Latin Church in Djebel Weibdeh on Thursday the 19th of February, 1976 at 10:00 a.m.

Condolences may be presented at the Church after the service or in the evening at the home of the deceased (Shmeisani quarter, Imm. Zouqan Hindawi).

Dr. Elizabeth R. Han

DENTAL SURGEON

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8.30 Play

CHANNEL 6 :

7.30 News in Hebrew
7.45 Varieties
8.30 Clayhanger
9.30 Feature film
10.00 News in English
10.15 Cont. of feature

Amman Airport

DEPARTURES :

7.20 Beirut
8.45 Beirut (M.E.A.)
9.30 Rome
10.00 Cairo
11.30 Frankfurt, Copenhagen
12.15 Kuwait (K.A.C.)
12.30 Paris
19.00 Abu Dhabi, Bangkok
19.30 Kuwait

ARRIVALS :

8.30 Bangkok Bahrain
8.40 Dhahran, Kuwait
8.45, Dubai, Abu Dhabi
9.50 Beirut
11.15 Kuwait (K.A.C.)
16.15 Cairo
16.55 London
17.45 Rome
18.30 Beirut (M.E.A.)

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7.00 Breakfast show.
7.30 News Bulletin
7.45 Morning Melodies
8.00 Sign off
12.00 Pop session (part I)
13.00 News Summary
13.03 Pop session (part II)
14.00 News Bulletin
14.10 Radio magazine
14.30 Melody Time
15.00 Classical Music
15.30 Light Instrumentals
16.00 Old Favourites
16.30 Easy listening
17.00 Studio one
18.00 News Summary
18.05 Listener's choice
18.30 Science Report
18.45 Music
19.00 News Bulletin
19.10 News Reports
19.30 Sign off.

Market Price

Apples (Double Red) 200—250
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Apples (Starken) 140—180
Bananas 150—180
Bell Pepper 80—110
Beets 50—70
Cabbage 50—70
Cauliflower 25—40
Chestnuts 300—330
Carrots (Yellow) 50—80
Carrots (Black) 50—80
Cucumbers (Small) 280—330
Cucumbers (Large) 180—220
Grapefruit 35—50
Garlic 50—80
Lemon (Large) 80—110
Lettuce 50—70
Lettuce (Small) 25—40
Hot Pepper 240—300
Horse Beans 100—140
Marrow (Small) 90—120
Mandarines 160—200
Onion 120—150
Oranges (French) 50—80

Oranges 80—110

Oranges (Naval) 100—

Potatoes (Imported) 70—

Potatoes (Local) 100—

Potatoes (Sweet) 40—

String Beans 150—190

Tangerines 50—90

Tomatoes 50—80

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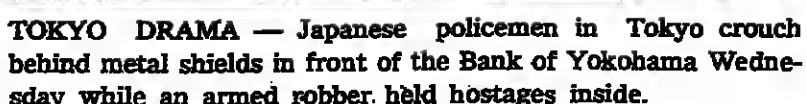
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has several times made its willingness to finance Jordan's development projects in the framework of investment policy in Arab

BRUSSELS, Feb. 18, (AFP). — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) will use all legal political and economic means to thwart the present world conference here of Jewish communities in support of Soviet Jews, PLO Belgian representative Naim Khader declared today.

He rejected reports that his organisation would try to disrupt the conference by attacks against Belgian institutions.

A PLO communique issued here declared that the real aim of the conference was to allow Zionist propaganda to reach Jews in the Soviet Union, thereby causing massive emigration to boost the "human and military potential of the occupiers."



Police quoted eye witnesses as saying the gunman had demanded 300,000 yen (480 sterling) before bank employees in serious condition. chest wounds shortly after he was taken to hospital. The other policeman was reported to be in serious condition.

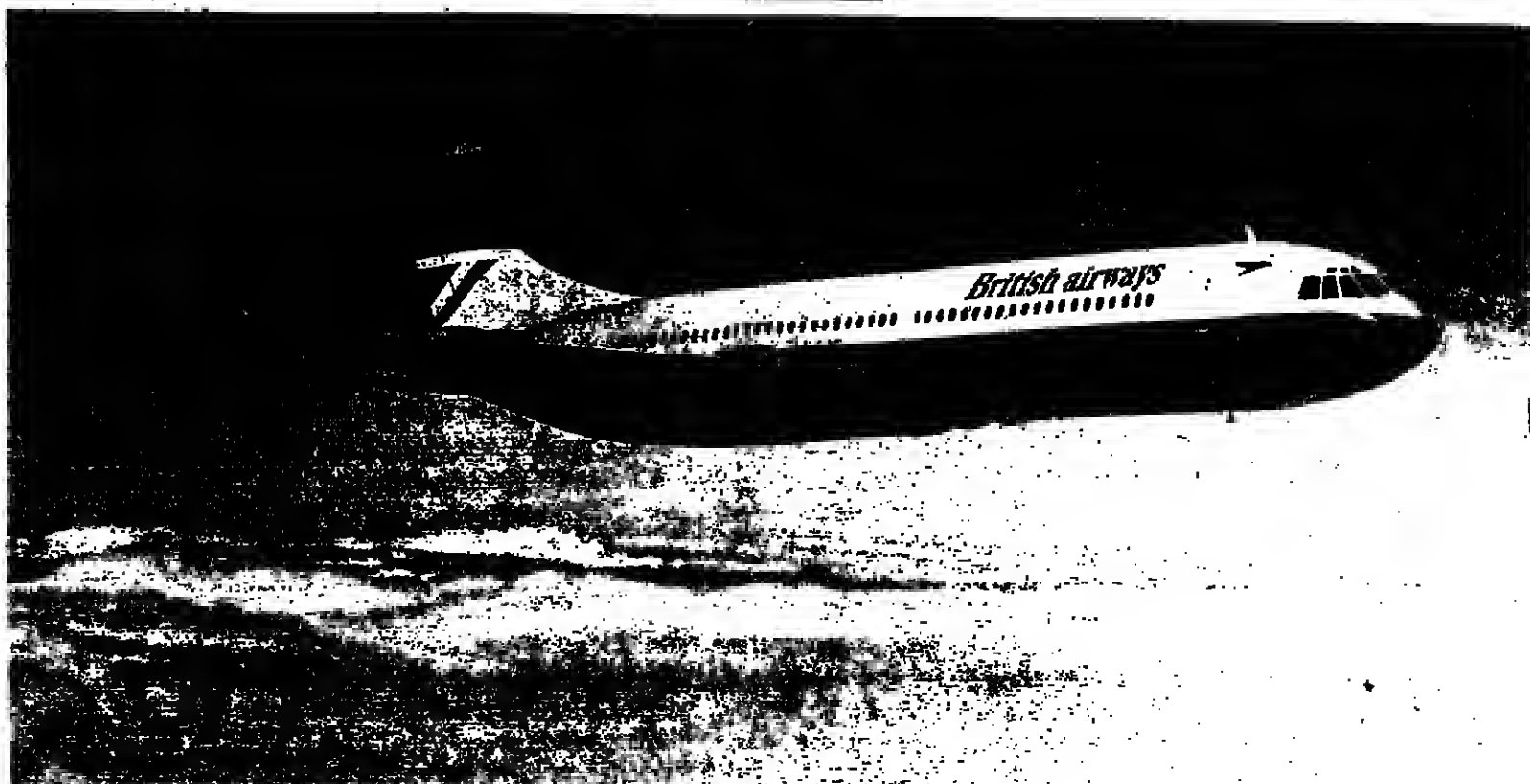
In today's article, the People's Daily, which yesterday revealed a split in the party's

The move would enable Iran to recuperate what it had lost in the international market, he added.

This assessment was made by Jacobus de Beus, of the Netherlands, Executive Secretary of the UN fund against abuse of narcotics.

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cast the famous Bolshoi
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theatre, Prokofiev's
new ballet. It is expect-
ed that 300 million view-
ers will "attend" this
performance.

Irani oil price cuts deemed ineffective

LONDON, Feb. 18, (R). — American and French governments to use their influence on the Consortium members to increase their consumption of Iranian oil.

The Consortium is led by British Petroleum with a 40 per cent share in the operation. Royal Dutch Shell has 14 per cent and Compagnie Francaise des Petroles six per cent. American members, holding a total of 40 per cent include Exxon, Gulf, Texaco, Mobil and Standard oil of California, (as well as a group of smaller independent companies).

Sources said the Consortium was holding amicable negotiations with the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), which were interrupted last week but were to be resumed shortly.

It is seeking to raise profit margins, and also wants a revision of the requirement to pay 40 per cent of the capital costs for exploration and development.

The sources said the decrease in oil output from Iran is no different from the decline monitored by some other major Middle East oil producers and this showed that Iran was getting fair treatment.

They said production in Kuwait dropped by 18.2 per cent last year, while the overall fall for Saudi Arabia was 16.5 per cent.

As a result of the revenue drops Iran may borrow well over \$1 billion on the international capital market this year.

Iran has been exerting diplomatic pressure on the British,

The estimate was made by Mr Ali-Naghi Farmanfarmaian, Chairman and Managing Director of the Iranian state-owned Industrial Credit Bank (ICB).

Iran has embarked on an extensive development programme, which it is determined to carry out despite the recent drop in oil revenues.

Mr Farmanfarmaian was speaking at a news conference after the signing of a \$50 million six year Euromarket loan for ICB.

The Iranian banker said his bank would return to the Euromarket for a further \$230 million later this year to help finance private sector projects in Iran.

Borrowing by ICB would be used mainly to develop Iran's petrochemical and construction industries, he said.

Britain's gross domestic product will grow at an average rate of just over 3.5 per cent a year over the six years 1976-1981, says a London-based international economic forecasting group.

The growth rate in Britain, forecast by the Economic Models Group of Companies, compares favourably with the group's predictions for West Germany, for which an average GDP increase of only 2.6 per cent a year is predicted over the same period.

Britain also comes off slightly better than the United States and France, for both of which the predicted average GDP growth rate over the six years is 3.4 per cent a year.

The group claims a good track record for its predictions, which form part of its annual six-year forecast for the major world economies.

The group believed that for most of the present century and particularly in the past 20 years the growth of the British economy had been largely stunted by an adverse balance of payments. The exploitation of North Sea oil would do away with this constraint over the next five years.

A summary of the group's predictions said: "At the very least, the British economy will be given an opportunity to arrest its cumulative decline and begin the process of long-term recovery."

The forecasts were worked out on the assumption that oil prices would rise over the six years at the same rate as the growth in world prices generally.

The group assumed that incomes policies would end in the autumn of next year, but that they would be reimposed in 1981.

The group expects fairly tight control over public sector borrowing. It predicts that this will fall from 6.2 per cent of GDP in 1981 compared with 11.7 per cent this year.

Under an earlier accord concluded in 1973, Syria was last year paying only \$3.055 per barrel for Iraqi crude, less than one third of the going market rate. The financial terms of the accord ran out at the end of last year.

The Middle East Economic Survey (MEES), an authoritative oil affairs weekly, predicted in Beirut last Saturday that the talks would be "very tough indeed."

MEES said its sources had given it to understand Iraq was now seeking market prices, around \$11.90 a barrel.

When the Syrian delegation left Baghdad, it was announced that the talks would be resumed at a date in the near future to be disclosed later.



END OF VISIT — Turkish Foreign Minister Sabri Caglayangil is pictured during an Oslo press conference at the end of his official three-day visit to Norway. (AP wirephoto).

Paris dialogue appears stuck on formalities

PARIS, Feb. 18, (R). — Rich and poor nations last night completed their first week of complex new economic negotiations, still largely bogged down in procedural problems, according to delegates' reports.

Delegates at the so-called "North-South Dialogue," which began here last Wednesday after 10 months of painstaking preparations are still 'discussing how to discuss major issues,' one source said.

Progress seems to be slowest in the key Energy Commission, which has brought senior officials from the industrial west, the oil producers and developing countries around a negotiating table for the first time.

The dialogue, expected to last a year, is being conducted in four specialist bargaining commissions on energy, raw materials, development assistance and finance.

"Nobody is prepared to go into substance yet in the energy commission," said one conference source.

The Energy Commission, which like the other negotiating groups has five delegates from the industrial camp and 10 from the producers and Third World, has had a first, inconclusive exchange of views on three major topics, namely oil prices, security of supplies and international co-operation in the energy sector.

Delegates are agreed they should start substantive negotiations with an analysis of the world energy situation, both past and future. But there is still no agreement on the extent this should touch on the world economic situation, which some producers want left by the Finance Commission.

Moves to raise U.S. national debt ceiling

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18, (R). — Treasury Secretary William Simon asked Congress yesterday to raise the U.S. national debt ceiling by \$50 billion for the period ending September 30 so the government can legally continue borrowing money.

Mr Simon told a House of Representatives committee that the government's outstanding debt would reach the present \$595 billion limit shortly before its expiry date of March 31.

He said that if Congress did not want to extend the ceiling to September 30 it should raise the statutory limit on outstanding debt by \$35 billion for the period ending June 30.

The only group where have really started is the Development Commission, has embarked on discussion about trade.

"There has been no session but some strong opinions," said one source.

Disagreements were evident in the Finance and Development Commissions on use of the economic review of the industrial side blared oil prices, which developing countries see as seeds of recession were decade ago and accused of exploitation.

The Finance Commission is still working out its agenda, while the Raw Materials Commission is still tailoring negotiations at the end of the week. They are scheduled to meet again next month as in April, June and

The commissions are expected to wind up their findings towards the end of the week. They are scheduled to meet again next month as in April, June and

Iran to cancel Grumman order

NEW YORK, Feb. 18, (R). — The Deputy Iranian Minister has told the New York Times that he has cancelled an order for 40 fighter planes from the man Aircraft firm.

Grumman is already building 80 of the planes for the Iranian Air Force but another 40 were ordered by the Deputy Minister Hassan Toufanian, quoted in the New York Times as saying these planes were no longer needed.

Official sources in Tehran said the general consideration was that the F-14 was too expensive at a price of 22 million dollars, according to a newspaper added.

Gen Toufanian said that Grumman had paid Iranian dollars' commission, free Iranian intermediaries connection with the contract and he called for Iran to refund the money.

He said the sum had been deducted from the bill sent to the Iranian government for the last year.

Grumman said it had six million dollars in claims to its representative, concluded the deal, but were all Americans.

The New York Times reported the purchase of 300 F-16 fighters, in General Dynamics Corp.

Oil hopes boost UK economic prospects

It warns that the main danger over the six years will be the vulnerability of the economy to inflation. The average rate of consumer price rises is forecast at above 10 per cent for each of the six years.

Another constraint on inflation, the group says, will be an unemployment rate of more than one million for most of the period.

The board will include, two cousins of Sheikh Zaid's, Sheikh Tahoun Bin Mohammed and his brother Sheikh Surour Bin Mohammed. The first is governor of Al-Ain province and Chairman of the state-owned Abu Dhabi National Oil Company and the second is Sheikh Zaid's personal advisor.

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Foreigners head new Abu Dhabi investment board

ABU DHABI, Feb. 18, (R). — A Frenchman and a Briton have been appointed advisors to the newly created Abu Dhabi Investment Authority which will take over the handling of the wealth of this Gulf oil-exporting state from the London-based Abu Dhabi Investment Board, it was reported here today.

The weekly newspaper Al-Fajr named the two men as Mr John Butters and M. Jean Battayard.

It also named the members of the seven-man board, which will run the authority under the Chairmanship of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan.

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ECONOMIC BRIEFS

● **TAIPEI.** — Taiwan's economy registered a moderate 2.8 per cent growth last year. This was ahead of most of the countries in Europe, Japan and the United States.

● **MOSCOW.** — The Western world and Japan accounted for 32 per cent of Soviet foreign trade last year, compared with 21 per cent in 1970. Last year's trade in this category came to roughly \$18 billion.

● **LONDON.** — British Rail announced a 12 per cent increase in fares as from March 28, bringing the total increase in two years to 87 per cent.

● **TOKYO.** — Japan has loaned Morocco a total of 4.8 million sterling for railway improvements in the north African kingdom. It is redeemable over 25 years with a seven-year grace period and has an annual interest rate of 3.75 per cent.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Interest was inhibited Wednesday in front of the publication of the government White Paper on public expenditure and ICI's results, due tomorrow, dealers said.

Leading industrials drifted lower but there were some isolated firm spots. At 15:00 the F. T. Index was down 3.9 at 399.4. Minings staged a technical rally, dealers added, with De Beers recovering 12P of the recent fall. Gold producers added up to 50P in the heavyweights.

Government bonds lost much of their earlier gains after an irregular trend. Early speculative interest about a reduction in the minimum lending rate gave way to profit-taking.

ICI eased 5p on small selling ahead of the results due tomorrow. Other top names to lose between 3p to 7p included Courtaulds, Fisons, Glaxo, GEC and Unilever. Thorn, Hawker and GKN edged higher against the trend.

Turner and Newall showed a net fall of about 7p after the 20 mln stg rights issue and profits forecast. P and O dipped 10p after its lower profits forecast. Woodside Burmah gave up a 2p rise on news of plans to raise 21 mln Aust. dlrs. Southern Rhodesian bonds were again lower fears of a breakdown in the current constitutional talks.

COMECON seeks biggest Eurocurrency loan yet

FRANKFURT, Feb. 18, (R). — COMECON, the East European Economic Organisation, is seeking a \$600 million Eurocurrency loan, the biggest it has yet raised on the western capital market.

Details were disclosed by the West German Dresdner bank, which has been appointed manager for the group arranging the loan.

A spokesman for the Dresdner bank, one of West Germany's leading commercial banks, said the money would be used to help in financing a 2,750 km. gas pipeline from Siberia to six East European countries.

The money is being raised for the Moscow International Investment Bank, which borrows on behalf of COMECON.

The spokesman said the loan agreement would be signed soon. It would have an average maturity of less than five years, and would carry an interest rate of one and a quarter to one and three eighths per cent above rates offered between banks in London—currently five and five eighths per cent.

The first few kilometres of the pipeline from the Soviet Union's newest gas fields around Orenburg in the Southern Urals have already been laid.

It will supply gas to East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, and Romania.

The Dresdner bank spokesman said all banks of international repute, including those from communist countries, were expected to join the loan consortium.

The international investment bank has already borrowed heavily on the Eurocurrency markets in recent months.

It raised a five-year loan of \$350 million at the end of last year from a consortium led by the Deutsche Bank, West Germany's biggest bank.

Options still open after Syrian-Iraqi oil discussions

BAGHDAD, Feb. 18, (R). — Syria and Iraq have agreed to hold further talks on a new oil agreement after holding four rounds of discussions here, it was officially announced. The recent talks which started last week concerned the new agreement on the pumping of Iraqi oil to Syrian refineries and across Syria to Mediterranean ports.

Under an earlier accord concluded in 1973, Syria was last year paying only \$3.055 per barrel for Iraqi crude, less than one third of the going market rate. The financial terms of the accord ran out at the end of last year.

The Middle East Economic Survey (MEES), an authoritative oil affairs weekly, predicted in Beirut last Saturday that the talks would be "very tough indeed."

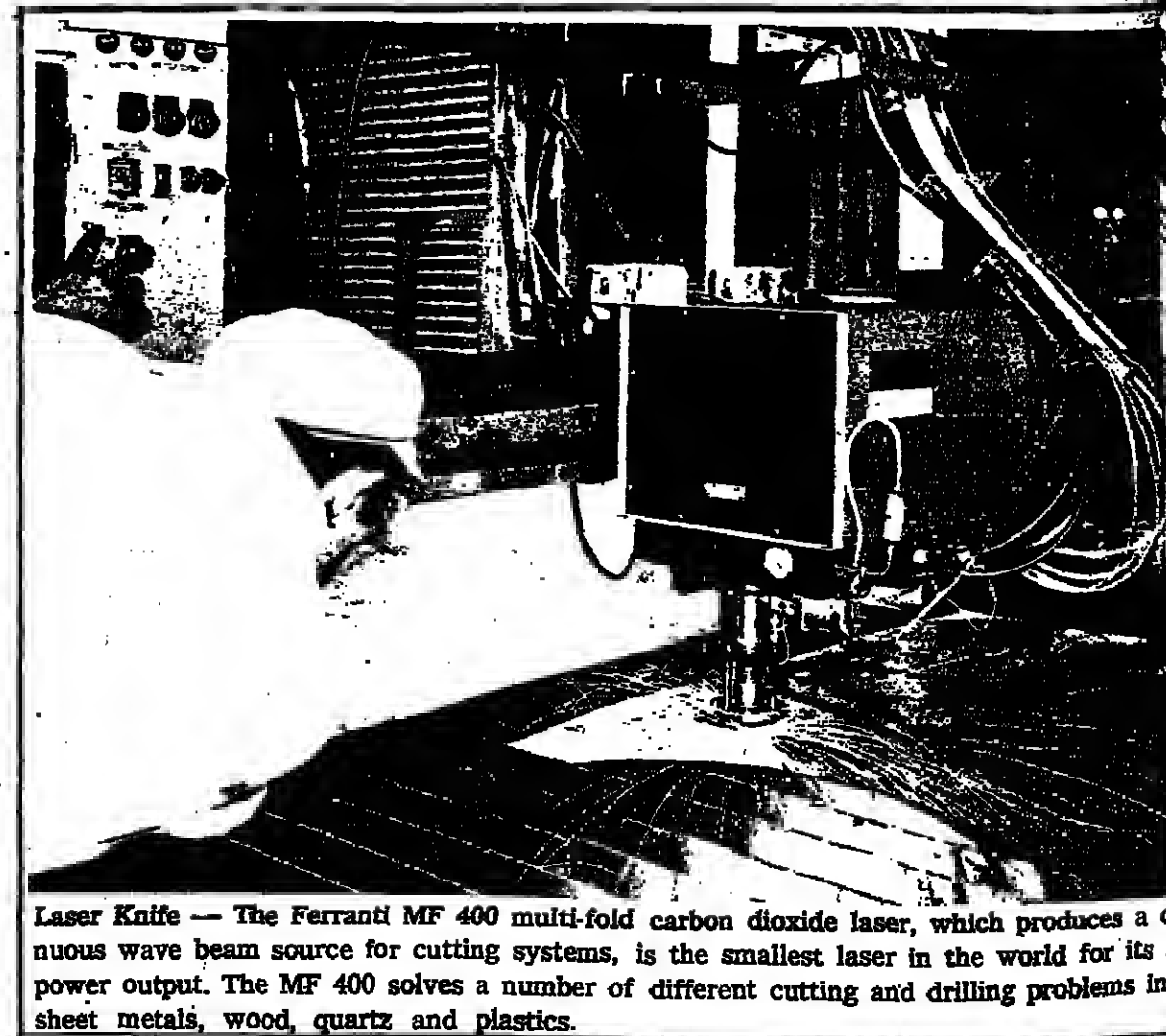
MEES said its sources had given it to understand Iraq was now seeking market prices, around \$11.90 a barrel.

When the Syrian delegation left Baghdad, it was announced that the talks would be resumed at a date in the near future to be disclosed later.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official American exchange rates at the close of the business day yesterday. The two figures denote buying and selling prices in Jordanian fils:

U.S. dollar : 330—332
U. K. sterling : 669—675
German mark : 128.7—129.1
Swiss franc : 128.7—129.1
French franc : 73.9—74.2
Italian lira : 43.1—43.3
Syrian pound : 84.7—85.1
Egyptian pound : 463—473
Iraqi dinar : 902—910
Kuwaiti dinar : 1110.9—1120.5
Libyan dinar : 705—725
Lebanese pound : 134.5—136.4
Algerian dinar : 40—43
Saudi riyal : 93—93.5
UAE dirham : 82.5—83



Laser Knife — The Ferranti MF 400 multi-fold carbon dioxide laser, which produces a continuous wave beam source for cutting systems, is the smallest laser in the world for its power output. The MF 400 solves a number of different cutting and drilling problems in sheet metals, wood, quartz and plastics.

Ship of the desert: a look at the camel

Text and photos by Bill Lyons

one is fortunate enough to discover a bit of Jordan's thriving desert life. One of the main sources of trade and livelihood in this desert area is the maintenance and sale of camels. It has been said that the camel is a horse designed by a committee because of his numerous and versatile characteristics. To the traveller, he is the "ship of the desert," being nearly self-sufficient for days at a

sumption as well as hide and bone used to make a number of items necessary for desert life. The skins are tanned and used in clothing and occasionally for tents. The bones are sometimes sold for use, by craftsmen in bone-carving.

A healthy camel is worth approximately J.D. 200, depending on size and age. It is not unusual to see 500 or more gathered around the 'wahas,' or oases, scattered throughout the desert.



The awesome herd.



The herd departs after the oasis stop.



An industrious breed any way you look at it.



Resting at the oasis.



A traveller gets directions before moving on.



The pause that refreshes



FLYING HIGH — U.S. figure skating champion Terry Kubicka, 19, of Cypress, California, cartwheels through the air at a recent meet in Colorado before the Innsbruck Olympic Games. He was one of the athletes chosen to represent the U.S.



Tonight's TV Features

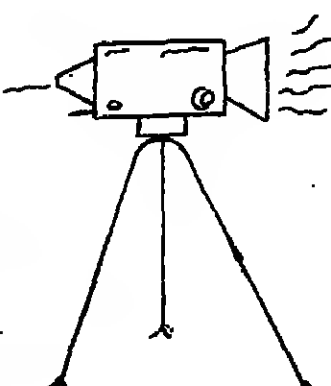
Feature Film :
Mask of the Avenger
Starring : John Derek — Anthony Quinn
Captain Renato Dimorna (John Derek) returns to Casamare to find his father dead and branded a traitor. Suspecting treachery by military governor, Giovanni Laroocca (Anthony Quinn), Renato in a series of daring forays harries him.

Clayhanger

Lawyer whom Hilda loves, convinces her to sell her inheritance. She discovers that he does not love her. Introduced to Edwin, he finds her not to his taste.

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The Diplomat

First Circle, Jebel Amman. Tel. 25592 — Open from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. — restaurant, snack bar, coffee shop, patisseries.

CHINESE restaurant

Jebel Amman, near Abiyah School or CMS, tel. 38968. Open daily from noon to 3.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to midnight.

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His wide, padded hooves enable him to keep a steady pace without sinking into the powdery sands. His keen sense of direction is vital on the flat plains which offer few landmarks for navigation.

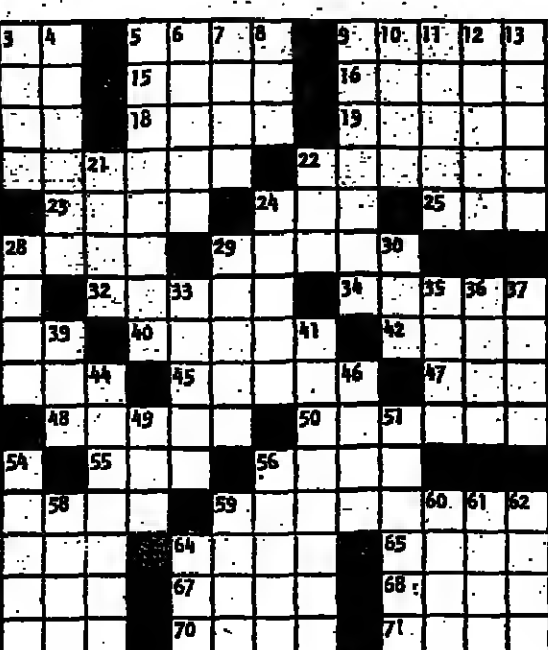
The camel can go without food or water for about three days. Contrary to popular belief, no water is actually stored in their hump, but the hump contains large amounts of fat tissue which stores food and water for later use.

The camels have an extra thick tongue which enables them to eat the thorns and nettles that make up a large part of their sparse diet.

An extra eyelid, a clear one, prevents sand from blinding them in wind storms.

Not only are camels useful for transportation, but they provide milk and meat for con-

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Ye — and little fishes
- 5 — Pasha
- 9 Body part
- 14 Chills and fever
- 15 Ibsen character
- 16 Nebraska metropolis
- 17 Vexes
- 18 Playing card
- 19 Morocco's capital
- 20 Swayed
- 22 Long step
- 23 Of time
- 24 Second person
- 25 — of thieves
- 26 Retarded one
- 29 Kind
- 31 Exclamation
- 32 Get lost
- 34 Joint
- 38 Impudent
- 40 Fisherman
- 42 Lung part
- 43 Art exhibit venue
- 45 "One Touch of"
- 47 Meadow

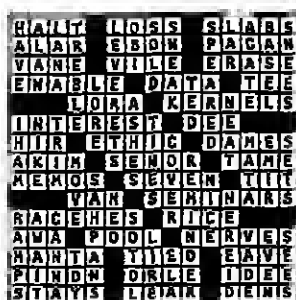
- 48 Scott's
- 50 Justin —
- 52 Wino
- 55 Humble abode
- 56 Muck and —
- 57 Short and thick
- 59 Province of Canada
- 63 Lahore lady
- 64 Napoleonic battle (1805)
- 65 — omnia vincit
- 66 Of a region
- 67 Chief god of the Eddas
- 68 Soprano Grist
- 69 Annoying ones
- 70 Fagged
- 71 Slave Scott

DOWN

- 1 Way of walking
- 2 Monster
- 3 John Wayne
- 4 Sonnet part
- 5 Charm
- 6 Mushroom
- 7 Wrathful

- 8 Uh uh
- 9 Agonizing pain
- 10 Persian poet
- 11 Fanatical
- 12 Apparition
- 13 Of a cereal
- 21 Goddess of discord
- 22 "Dombey and —"
- 24 Where Sana is
- 25 Toy ammo
- 26 Flightless bird
- 28 Nobleman
- 29 Big blows
- 30 Cloth measure
- 33 Face with stoma
- 35 Fastener
- 36 Wedding word
- 37 Last
- 39 Cloth
- 41 Herbivorous mammal
- 44 Small change
- 46 Attire for 63 Across
- 49 John — Walton
- 51 Hold back
- 52 Fracas

- 53 Chicago airport
- 54 " — of Glory"
- 56 Craze
- 58 Shrewd
- 59 Persian sily
- 60 Hebrew measure
- 61 Tiresome person
- 62 Parched
- 64 Patient man



Lockheed scandal spreads in Europe and Japan

TOKYO, Feb. 18, (Agencies) — The Japanese Government today renewed its request to the U.S. government to reveal the names of the high Japanese government officials allegedly involved in the Lockheed payoff scandal.

The request was made after Prime Minister Takeo Miki held separate meetings with members of his cabinet and convened a liaison session of key cabinet ministers and top ruling Liberal Democratic executives.

During these meetings, Mr Miki instructed Foreign Minister Kiichi Miyazawa to ask the U.S. for all available information on the scandal "regardless of the consequences."

In Rome a government spokesman denied any link between Italian President Giovanni Leone and Maria Fava, who is sought by police in connection with the Lockheed scandal.

The denial followed allegations in Italian dailies that Mrs. Fava, who has disappeared, had previously worked "in the office of a Neapolitan lawyer since called to a very high function."

Mrs. Fava, who is in her 60's, came out of a quiet retirement in 1969 to become administrator of the Com El (electrical components) company at the

time when Lockheed was negotiating the sale of Hercules C-130 aircraft to Italy.

Lockheed documents published in the U.S. alleged that Com El served as an intermediary for payoffs.

In Madrid, Spain has instructed its Washington Embassy to investigate allegations that Spaniards have been involved in the Lockheed bribery scandal, Foreign Ministry sources said today.

A spokesman for the multinational company denied that Lockheed had given bribes in Spain.

And in Bonn the opposition Social Democrat group in the Bundestag (lower house of parliament) today asked the West German Government to disclose any information it has on Lockheed aircraft company payoffs to West German political parties.

Spain's Juan Carlos drafts striking police, firemen as riots continue

BARCELONA, Spain, Feb. 18, (R). King Juan Carlos drafted striking firemen and traffic policemen into the army today in a tough move, even as he woveed Catalan support on a tour of the restive region.

The conscription order was issued after riot police fired tear gas into the city hall to dislodge about 2,000 striking municipal workers who had occupied it.

The police charge, shortly after midnight, caused panic inside the 13th century grey-stone building and women were trampled in a mass scramble to the door. About 20 people were reported hurt.

Fire engines raced through the streets of Barcelona with sirens wailing in the early hours in protest against the police action.

An eye-witness said he saw a municipal policeman scuffling with a riot policeman with a tear gas grenade launcher outside the city hall.

As 36-year-old King Juan Carlos left for the city of Lerida to continue his Catalan tour,

several hundred striking municipal workers occupied Barcelona's city hall again this morning.

They booed and jostled the mayor, Senor Jaquin Viola, as he went into his office. They demanded his resignation with cries of "Out, Out."

Traffic policemen, who had just been given their conscription orders, stood in sullen silence and did not join the uproar.

As the workers milled inside the city hall, chatting and munching sandwiches, several busloads of riot police drove up to the square outside.

A police officer ordered the municipal workers to abandon the city hall or face another police charge.

The strikers, who included nurses, museum guards, butch-

ers and members of the municipal band, filed out quietly.

Swarms of riot police took up positions in the bustling city centre as striking construction workers tried to hold a march.

Groups of workers strolled among the newspaper kiosks and flowershops of the broad Ramblas avenue, but were unable to stage a demonstration because police kept them moving.

About 7,000 of Barcelona's 11,000 municipal workers have been on strike for more pay for the past week.

The mayor rejected their demands two days ago saying the municipality had no money.

Under the conscription order — a strike-breaking tactic used by the late General Franco — the firemen and municipal policemen risk a court martial if they refuse to return to work.

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ON THE STAND — Patricia Hearst leaves the Federal Building in San Francisco Tuesday after she testified at her trial. She told the jury that she was raped, threatened with death and forced to take part in a bank robbery by members of the Symbionese Liberation Army who dreamed of world revolution.

Demonstrators storm U.S., British embassies in Nigeria

LAGOS, Feb. 18, (Agencies) — Nigerian police today used teargas to disperse Lagos University students who stormed the U.S. and British embassies causing extensive damage in a protest over last Friday's assassination of head of state Murtala Muhammed.

The students, chanting war songs, marched the ten kms from their campus in a mainland suburb to the centre of Lagos island where the two buildings are situated.

They carried placards reading "Murtala is our saviour. May his soul rest in peace," "Away with British imperialism" and "Close down American and British embassies".

The students went first to the U.S. embassy where they pulled down a gate and broke into the building, breaking windows, and burning the American flag, as well as causing extensive damage.

At the British High Commission just around the corner, the students wrecked official cars and other property before being dispersed with teargas.

In a related development, a Nigerian government statement said today that last week's abortive coup was aimed at restoring General Yakubu Gowon to power.

The statement was contained in a broadcast by Lagos Radio, monitored in London.

General Gowon was overthrown in a coup in July 1975. That coup was led by General Murtala Muhammed who was killed in Friday's short-lived coup attempt.

General Gowon is now a university student in Britain. He has denied any connection with Friday's rebellion.

The government statement said Lieutenant-Colonel B.S. Dimka, who led the abortive coup, had called at the British High Commission in Lagos on the day of the coup.

He asked the High Commissioner to report to the British government that he and his colleagues had taken over the Nigerian government and to arrange for General Gowon to return immediately and assume the leadership of the country, the government said.

The Foreign Office issued a statement in London today which said the British High Commissioner in Lagos had categorically refused to pass the message from Colonel Dimka to General Gowon.

A foreign office spokesman said: "Lieut-Col. Dimka presented himself at the British High Commission office in Lagos, at about 0915 local time on 13th of February, accompanied by three armed soldiers and asked to see the British High Commissioner. He asked the High Commissioner to send a message to Gen. Gowon in Britain."

"The High Commissioner explained that it would be improper for him as the head of a diplomatic mission, to take any action touching on the internal affairs of the country in which he was serving", the spokesman said.



SAFETY MEASURES — British Prime Minister Harold Wilson (second from right) waves as he leaves 10 Downing Wednesday on his way to a session of Parliament. He is undied by security men assigned to follow him at all times in the wake of new threats from the IRA.

World Bank affiliate grants loan to Israeli firm

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18, (R). — A chemical works in Israel will receive a seven million dollar loan from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), to help pesticide production, it was announced here today.

The loan will go to the Makhteshim Chemical Works Limited in Beersheba, a company which intends to increase production, especially for export.

The project is the second Makhteshim expansion that the IFC, an affiliate of the World Bank, has helped to finance. In 1974 the Corporation invested \$ 3.5 million in equity and loan for a project completed last December.



BRITAIN'S OLYMPIC MASCOT — International sprinters Wendy Clarke and Steve Green, who are hoping to be among those selected for the United Kingdom Olympic team for 1976, introduce the British Amateur Athletic Board's mascot, Montreal Ted, in London. The mascot will be used to help promote the Board's nationwide scheme for raising funds through schools to finance specialised training for Olympic athletes.

Cyprus talks progress slowly

VIENNA, Feb. 19, (R). — Three-sided talks on the future government of Cyprus slowed down today, as Cypriot leaders began grappling with the complex problem of how much island territory should be held by the Turkish community.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, providing good offices in Greek-Turkish communal negotiations, said a plenary session lasting only 60 minutes was adjourned until tomorrow afternoon to give both sides time to consult home authorities in Cyprus.

Greek-Cypriot negotiator Glafkos Clerides said no concrete proposals on a territorial division of the island had been exchanged so far. He hoped the territorial question, a key issue for the island's 500,000 Greeks, would be a "dominant feature" when talks resume at Vienna's Hofburg Palace tomorrow.

Conference sources said undisclosed difficulties had forced Mr Waldheim to consult separately before the meeting with both Mr Clerides and Turkish community leader Rauf Denktaş.

The difficulties apparently continued into the meeting, resulting in a shorter session than planned, and made it necessary for the negotiators to seek fresh instructions from their respective sides of the "green line" dividing the communities in Nicosia, the Cyprus capital.

WHAT'S GOING ON
British Council
11:00 a.m. Creative Drama
in Arabic

Ayyoubi visit ends

(Continued from page 1) pan-Arab issues in every forum and at every level.

The committee will hold its next meeting in Damascus next May.

Premier Ayyoubi and his party left Amman at noon Wednesday after attending the morning committee session.

They were seen off at Ramtha by Premier Rifai and a number of Jordanian ministers and top officials.

Karami proposes reconciliation gov't

(Continued from page 1) ople out of a population of 2,780,000 had been directly affected by the fighting.

Official estimates of casualties were 10,000 to 12,000 dead, and 30,000 to 40,000 wounded and invalids, the UNHCR office said. In Beirut approximately 15 to 20 per cent of houses had been completely or partially destroyed and the proportion reached 70 to 80 per cent in some rural areas.

More than half the factories and businesses in and around Beirut had been damaged, burned or looted, the UNHCR team reported.

Meanwhile in Paris, Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues announced today that France will send a delegation of experts to Lebanon to help with reconstruction after the civil war.

In Riyadh, the official Saudi press agency said today that Saudi Arabia has decided to give Lebanon \$ 10 million in aid for victims of the civil war.

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